[Translation]

Consumption of LPG

3901. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :
SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated demand and actual domestic consumption of LPG in each State during each of the last three years;

(b) whether several States have demanded the additional allotment of LPG during the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). The estimated demand and actual consumption of LPG in the country during the last three years are as under :

(Fig. in TMT)

Year	Estimated demand	Actual consumption
1993-94	2931	3113
1994-95	3271	3434
1995-96	3625	3849 (Prov.)

LPG is not allocated on State-wise basis. New LPG connections are released in a phased manner against waiting list throughout the country depending upon the LPG availability, slack available with the distributors and their viability. However, Government is according priority for release of LPG connections in the following areas :

1. Hilly areas
2. Taj Trapezium
3. Under Tatkal Scheme
4. MP/MOP priorities
5. New distributorship commissioning
6. Priorities of PSUs of MOP and NG.
7. Unviable distributors.

More LPG distributorships are being opened in all the States to meet the demands of customers on waiting lists.

Power Sub-Station at Ghatampur

3902. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a power sub-station of 33 KW is being set up at Ghatampur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for this sub-station; and

(d) the number of villages likely to be benefited from this sub-station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Steering Committee

3903. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN :
DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up any Steering Committee for planning and executing the infrastructure sector investment proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). The Planning Commission has not set up any specific Steering Committee for planning and executing the infrastructure sector investment proposals. Planning Commission has, however, set up a number of Steering Committees and Working Groups to deal with all related aspects in various sectors including infrastructural sectors as part of the exercises for the formulation of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

Backward Classes Candidates

3904. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons belonging to backward classes employed in various Government departments/ services since the implementation of recommendations of Mandal Commission;

(b) the State-wise and Department-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the said recommendations have been implemented/proposed to be implemented in Medical, Scientific Research and Sensitive Services like Defence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Keeping in view the high priority accorded by the Government to the successful implementation of the decision regarding 27% reservation for members of the other backward classes, it was stressed on the Ministries/Departments that data relating to their recruitment in a particular year should be available soon after the year is over. As per information received from 24 of the 65 Ministries/ Departments. 7160 candidates belonging to other backward classes have been appointed upto 31.12.95. No information is being maintained State-wise;

(c) and (d). Reservation do not apply to the Defence Services. As regards other posts, the duties of which are highly specialized or technical in nature, the Supreme Court, in their judgement in the case of Indira Sawhney Vs Union of India had observed that in view of Art. 335, in the cases where merit alone counts, it would not be advisable to provide for reservation. The Ministries/Departments have been asked to identify such posts.

[English]

Oil Depots

3905. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Maharashtra where Oil Depots of Bharat Petroleum Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum are located;

(b) the storage capacity of each depot separately;

(c) whether the local people are being benefited by the above mentioned undertakings, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) and (b) The total storage capacity of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in various places in Maharashtra is approximate 759804 KL. Company-wise details are given in attached Statement.

(c) and (d) Storage depots for petroleum products in the respective consumption centres help the local population by way of making the products available for their use As the consumption of petroleum products depends on the economic activity of the region, their increased availability helps the economic development of the region The recruitment of non-management personnel is also made through the local employment exchange

STATEMENT

Company-wise Pol Installations Tops and Depots in Maharashtra

(Fig. in KL)

Location	I.O.C.	B.P.C.L.	H.P.C.L.
Mahul	-	-	31400
Wadala	50537	-	18500
Sewree	45196	107000	49800
Loni	-	-	119000
Vashi	-	-	74200
Gaigaon	11795	-	9200
Badnera	8586	13600	-
Tadali	10828	8300	-
Khapri	16958	-	17750
Manmad	8502	7100	3220
Bhadli	9598	-	4640
Akolner	20569	-	-
Aurangabad	15989	-	5200
Miraj	21171	14400	-
Sholapur	-	3400	4300
Pakni	17253	-	-
Bassein	9844	-	-
Condia	3381	-	-
Shrirud	8937	-	-
Hazarwadi	-	-	9700

[English]

Foreign Funds to Kashmiri Militants

3906. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inflow of foreign funds to the Kashmiri militants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check this activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). There have been reports from time to time about the flow of illegal funds to various secessionist and militant organisations through clandestine channels and in contravention of the law The Government and all the concerned security and enforcement agencies have been continuously